Thoughts on Cuba

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MANAGUA — Former president of Nicaragua Luis Somozo said he should have ordered air attacks on Cuba in support of the Bay of Pigs invasion when it became clear that the United States would not do so. "I was a coward," Somoza said.

"My failure enabled the Castroites to recover from Saturday morning's air raid . . . I was in control of the planes stationed in Nicaragua . . . U.S. officials feared public opinion, but we controlled the news sources during the five days that mattered," Somoza said in a broadcast press conference.